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Addendum

Annex 1

Alphabetical list of candidates (with statements of qualifications)

7. Diarra, Fatoumata Dembélé (Mali)

Note verbale

The following additional information was received from the Permanent Mission of Mali to the United Nations:

The candidacy of Mrs. Fatoumata Dembélé Diarra for a post of judge in the International Criminal Court is being put forward under list A. The selection was made in accordance with the procedure for the nomination of candidates for appointment to the highest judicial offices in Mali.

Pursuant to the provisions of Act No. 96-071/AN-RM of 16 December 1996 establishing the organization and operating rules of the supreme court and the procedure followed in the court (article 6, paragraph 2), members of the supreme court, judicial magistrates and administrative magistrates are appointed from among the most senior judges. The case in question did not involve an ordinary appointment, but the selection, on behalf of Mali, of a candidate for an elective post.

Even though this selection could not normally take the form of a decree adopted by the Council of Ministers or the President of the Republic, nevertheless, in order to be chosen, the candidacy of Mrs. Fatoumata Dembélé Diarra had to undergo broad consultations between the Minister of Justice, her supervisory

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authority, the Prime Minister, Head of Government, the President of the Republic and the President of the Supreme Council of Justice.

It was thus after full consensus was reached on this candidacy that the supreme authorities of the Republic of Mali invited the Minister for Foreign Affairs to put it forward on behalf of the State of Mali.

Before her election by the General Assembly to the post of judge ad litem in the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, Mrs. Diarra was national director of the administration of justice in Mali.

35. Sissoko, Mory Ousmane (Niger)

Note verbale

The following additional information was received from the Permanent Mission of the Niger to the United Nations:

Before the opening of the period for submission of candidacies, the Minister of Justice contacted the various judicial structures and asked them to propose qualified candidates. He suggested, inter alia, that they should propose judges who had reached the highest level in the civil service of the Niger. After receiving the various candidacies, the Minister convened a selection committee, under his chairmanship. The committee, after a detailed consideration of the files, selected the candidacy of Mr. Mory Sissoko Ousmane, President of the Court of Audit of the Supreme Court. Subsequently, Mr. Sissoko's candidacy was endorsed by H.E. Tandja Mamadou, President of the Republic, and President of the Supreme Council of Justice.

36. Slade, Tuiloma Neroni (Samoa)

Note verbale

The following additional information was received from the Permanent Mission of Samoa to the United Nations:

With respect to the requirements of article 36.4 (i) of the Rome Statute, being the provision more approximate in application to the situation of Samoa and in the absence of a specific stipulation for a nomination procedure, Mr. Slade has complied fully with the requirements for appointment to the highest judicial offices in Samoa inasmuch as he has satisfied the high moral and personal qualities as well as the legal practice qualification required under the Constitution of Samoa; and in that Mr. Slade has the endorsement and support of the Prime Minister, being the person required under the Constitution to give advice on appointments to the highest judicial offices in the land, for his candidature and nomination for the International Criminal Court. Furthermore, Mr. Slade has the endorsement and support of the Samoa Law Society, the professional association of lawyers, for his nomination.